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SUMMARY: POST REQUESTS DELAY OF FORMAL SUBMISSION OF BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIPS PROPOSALS TO JANUARY 20, SO THAT IT CAN REVIEW INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY BINATIONAL COMMISSION COMMITTEE WHICH IS NOW SCREENING APPLICATIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS. FOUR OF MOST PROMISING PROPOSALS ARE SUMMARIZED. AGENCY ASKED TO INFORM POST ASAP WHETRY DELAY IN FORMAL SUBMISSION POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

1. SCREENING COMMITTEE OF BINATIONAL COMMISSION WILL REVIEW THIS WEEK PROPOSALS FROM JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOLARLY ORGANIZATIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS. WHILE FULBRIGHT INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS NOT PLANNED SPECIFICALLY IN BICENTENNIAL CONTEXT, MANY OF PROPOSALS FIT WELL INTO BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIPS FRAMEWORK. SCREENING COMMITTEE SESSIONS WILL DEVELOP ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND INFLUENCE ATTITUDES OF KEY JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDIES SPECIALISTS AS WELL AS RECOMMENDING SCOPE AND SIZE OF USEC/J SUPPORT.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, POST ASKS THAT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

FORMAL PROPOSALS FROM JAPAN BE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 20.
IF IT ESSENTIAL THAT FORMAL PROPOSALS BE IN WASHINGTON
ON JANUARY 15 AS STATED REFMSG, PLEASE CABLE POST SOONEST.
IF REQUEST FOR DELAY IN DEADLINE APPROVED, PLEASE INFORM.

3. AT WHAT POINT CAN POST BEGIN DISCUSSING WITH JAPANESE
ORGANIZATIONS FUNDING AND OTHER SPECIFICS? DOES
FEBRUARY 15 DATE FOR DECISIONS ON PROJECTS AND FUNDING
STILL HOLD?

4. FYI, SOME OF MOST PROMISING PROJECTS WHICH POST HAS
DISCUSSED WITH JAPANESE INSTITUTIONS INCLUDE: (IN
APPROXIMATE PRIORITY ORDER) (A) GRANT FOR PUBLICATION
OF PROCEEDINGS OF ASIA AND PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE
OF AMERICAN STUDIES SPECIALISTS. THIS CONFERENCE,
SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO BPCENTENNIAL, WILL BE HELD IN
JAPAN THIS SEPTEMBER, AND WILL BRING TOGETHER SPECIALISTS
IN AMERICAN STUDIES FROM ALL OVER ASIA AND FROM THE U.S.
AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN, THE COUNTERPART
ORGANIZATION, HAS DEVOTED OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP TO
THIS PROJECT AND HAS RAISED ABOUT TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS
FOR CONFERENCE FROM JAPANESE BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT
SOURCES. STAG GRANTS AND OTHER CU SUPPORT WILL ALSO
BE PROVIDED. AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION SEEKS ABOUT
FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ASSIST PUBLISHER IN PREPARING
EDITION OF ABOUT THREE THOUSAND COPIES OF PROCEEDINGS,
WHICH WOULD INCLUDE PAPERS FROM ASIAN AND U.S. PARTICI-
PANTS ON ASIAN SCHOLARSHIP ABOUT YHU.S., THE MEANING
OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, THE IMPACT OF U.S. CIVILI-
ZATION ABROAD, ETC. PUBLICATION COULD STRENGTHEN THE
PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN
REGION AND WITH THE USA WHICH WOULD BE MADE DURING THE
CONFERENCE AND PROVIDE AN ADDED BASIS FOR CONTINUING
DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC AREA.
FOLLOW ON GRANTS FOR LATER PUBLICATIONS A POSSIBILITY,
IF CONFERENCE AS SUCCESSFUL AS ANTICIPATED.
(B) STRENGTHENING OF REFERENCE AND INFORMATION RESOURCES
OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT NANZAN UNIVERSITY, NAGOYA.
UNIVERSITY IS DEVELOPING A FULL-SCALE INTERDISCIPLINARY
COURSE IN AMERICAN CULTURE WITH PERMANENT FACULTY, ONE
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OF VERY FEW IN JAPAN. OVERALL PROJECT INCLUDES UPGRADING
OF JAPANESE FACULTY THROUGH STUDY IN U.S., GRANTS TO
VISITING U.S. LECTURERS, AND PRELIMINARY SURVEY IN U.S.
BY PROFESSOR ICHIRO IWANO, WHO PROVIDING ACTIVE LEADER-
SHIP. GREATER PART OF FUNDING ANTICIPATED FROM UNIVERSITY
ITSELF, USEC/J, EISENHOWER FELLOWSHIPS, AND JAPAN
FOUNDATION. BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIP GRANT WOULD BE UP
TO TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR REFERENCE COLLECTION,

MICROFILM, AND OTHER RESEARCH MATERIALS TO PROVIDE BASE FOR ONGOING SERIOUS STUDY AND SCHOLARLY RESEARCH IN AMERICAN STUDIES. (C) STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AMERICAN STUDIES SPECIALISTS AT DOSHISHA UNIVERSITY, KYOTO, AND SELECTED AMERICAN SCHOLARS AND SUPPORTING THREE-YEAR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES SEARCH FOR COMMUNITY IN THE 1950'S AND 1960'S. CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES AT DOSHISHA IS ONE OF TWO TOP INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN CONCENTRATING ON THE U.S. ITS PROFESSORS HAVE LONG PLAYED LEADING ROLES IN ORGANIZING ANNUAL KYOTO AMERICAN STUDIES SUMMER SEMINARS. STUDY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY DOSHISHA SPECIALISTS IN VARIOUS FIELDS IN COLLABORATION WITH U.S. SCHOLARS, SUCH AS IHAB HASSAN, DANIEL AARON, NORMAN HOLMES PEARSON, REUEL DENNEY. WOULD FOCUS UPON PERIOD OF U.S. DEVELOPMENT WHICH OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN JAPAN, INCLUDING SOCIETAL VANGE IN U.S., CHANGES IN AMERICAN WRITING, POLITICAL MOVEMENTS, AND GOVERNMENT POLICIES. DOSHISHA WOULD PROVIDE GREATER PART OF FUNDS, WITH BICENTENNIAL GRANT OF ABOUT TEN THOUSAND APPLIED PRIMARILY FOR SPECIALIZED RESEARCH MATERIALS AND PUBLICATION OF THE GROUP'S FNDINGS, WHICH SHOULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO WRITINGS IN JAPAN ABOUT THE MODERN U.S.A. (D) SUPPORT FOR PRODUCTION OF SURVEY AND INVENTORY OF JAPANESE-LANGUAGE SCHOLARLY STUDIES ON THE U.S.A., TO BE PREPARED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN STUDIES, RIKKYO UNIVERSITY, TOKYO. THIS PROJECT, APPLYING CONCEPT OF SIMILAR SURVEY COMPLETED IN GREAT BRITAIN AND PROPOSED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, WOULD PROVIDE A BASIC REFERENCE FOR CONTINUING SCHOLARSHIP ON AMERICAN STUDIES IN JAPAN. PROJECT WOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN CAPABILITIES AND PRESTIGE OF RIKKYO INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN STUDIES, WHICH HAS LONG HISTORY AND HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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PUBLIYX JOURNAL ON AMERICAN STUDIES BUT HAS LOST MOMENTUM SOMEWHAT IN PAST FEW YEARS. SUPPORT BY AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN PROBABLE. RIKKYO WOULD PROVIDE FUNDS FOR EDITORIAL WORK AND INDEXING, WITH BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIPS GRANT OF ABOUT THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS PRIMARILY FOR REPRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS.

5. POST WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND DEFINITIVE PRIORITY AS SOON AS RECOMMENDATIONS OF USEC/J SCREENING COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN REVIEWED. ADDITIONAL PROJECTS MAY BE ADDED TO OR SUBSTITUTED FOR THE FOUR OUTLINE ABOVE.
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